

REMARKS

By the present Amendment, claims 4-6 and 15-17 have been amended. Claims 1-3 and 14 have been canceled. Accordingly, claims 4-13 and 15-17 remain pending in the application. Claims 4, 6, 7, 15, and 16 are independent.

In the Office Action of September 16, 2005, claims 1, 3, and 14 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,404,498 issued to Lin. Claim 2 was rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin in view of U.S. Patent No 6,404,498 issued to Maeda et al. ("Maeda").

The Examiner's indication that claims 7-9, 11, and 13 are allowed, and that claims 4-6, 10, 12, and 15-17 are allowable, is noted with appreciation.

By the present Amendment, claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the subject matter previously recited in independent claim 1. Claim 5 has been amended to reflect dependency from independent claim 4. Claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the subject matter previously recited in independent claim 1 and claim 3. Claims 15 and 16 have been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the subject matter previously recited in independent claim 14. Claim 17 has been amended to correct a grammatical error.

The foregoing amendments reflect acceptance of the subject matter indicated as allowable in the Office Action. Accordingly, claims 4-6, 10, 12, and 15-17 are now believed to be in condition for allowance.


For the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is believed in order, and courteously solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are any matters which can be resolved by way of either a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

AUTHORIZATION

Applicants request any shortage or excess in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, and for which no other form of payment is offered, be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 520.43302X00).

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